

yes, we have come a long, long way, but there are still many miles to go.

In his historic speech following the march to Selma, the great Dr. King told his fellow freedom marchers and, I should add, generations to follow:

We must come to see that the end we seek is a society at peace with itself, a society that can live with its conscience. And that will be a day not of the white man, not of the black man. That will be the day of man as man.

I would like to close with a wonderful account that I think does underscore the universality and great achievement of the civil rights movement. It also underscores the truth that all it takes is one person and one act of courage to inspire millions.

The following is an account by the historian Douglas Brinkley. The year is 1990. Nelson Mandela is arriving in Detroit, MI, where Rosa Parks awaits on the tarmac. The passage reads:

"He won't know me," Parks kept repeating, embarrassed that she had come.

Moments later the airplane's door opened and Nelson Mandela accompanied by his then-wife Winnie appeared to the enthusiastic crowd, shouting "Viva Nelson!" and "Amandala!" the Swahili word for power. Slowly he made his way down the steps and toward the receiving line. Suddenly he froze, staring openmouthed in wonder. Tears filled his eyes as he walked up to the small old woman with her hair in two silver braids crossed atop her head.

And in a low, melodious tone, Nelson Mandela began to chant, "Ro-sa Parks. Ro-sa Parks. Ro-sa Parks," until his voice crescendoed into a rapturous shout, "Ro-sa Parks!"

Then the two brave old souls, their lives so distant yet their dreams so close, fell into each other's arms, rocking back and forth in a long, joyful embrace. And in that poignant, redemptive moment, the enduring dignity of the undaunted afforded mankind rare proof of its own progress.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant journal clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

THE HIGHWAY BILL AND 9/11 COMMISSION EXTENSION

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, in regards to the issue which has been holding up the proceedings of the Senate, that is the extension of the highway bill and the issue tied to it, which is the charter of the 9/11 Commission chaired by Governor Keane and former Congressman Lee Hamilton, we have been in extensive discussions all day long. I would like to begin by thanking the majority leader as well as the Senator from Nevada for their patience, but also their involvement in trying to help bring about a resolution to this issue. They have certainly done everything in their power.

The upshot of it is that the Senator from Connecticut and I have been in

conversations with former Congressman Hamilton and Governor Keane. As we understand from our conversations with them, they are scheduled to meet with the Speaker on Tuesday, this coming Tuesday, and that their chief of staff, the general counsel of the Commission, has been assured by the chief of staff of the Speaker that at that time the Speaker will agree to an additional 30 days in addition to the 60 days that the Commission will need to operate, and will be then given an additional 30 days in which to wrap up their report. That is satisfactory to Congressman Hamilton and Governor Keane. Both of them have personally assured me that is satisfactory to them. They will be proceeding on the assumption that they will receive an additional 30 days, as well as the 60-day extension.

I hope, as a result of this, that the House will take up and pass the bill reported out of the Senate Intelligence Committee which the Senate majority leader had approved by a voice vote earlier today. It seems to me that is the most reasonable resolution.

I thank the majority leader again for his patience and hard work in this effort, including visits over on the other side of the Capitol. He certainly performed above and beyond.

May I finally say I believe that the Commission will now receive an additional 60 days of work plus 30 days to wrap up, and hopefully this issue will be resolved.

I thank my friend from Connecticut who has always done such great work. I yield the floor.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Connecticut.

Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, very briefly, let me join the Senator from Arizona in thanking the majority leader, the Senator from Nevada, and our colleagues for working together. We have, in fact, in the words of Scripture, "reasoned together," have we not? It may have taken longer than it should have, which is not unusual for the Congress, but we have reached a just result. I am grateful to the Speaker for having agreed to the extension of the deadline during which the Commission investigating September 11 will have to report by the 2 months that the Commission itself, the bipartisan Commission, requested and now having apparently indicated to at least staff of the Commission that he is prepared, in addition to the 2-month extension for the report to be completed, to have an additional 30 days for a winddown period. But this will be worked out in detail.

As Senator MCCAIN said, the easiest way to do this is the way we all started today, which was with the Senate bill adopted that, in fact, does this 2-month extension for the report, 30 days for winding down of the Commission.

The basic principle is the enormity of what happened, the horror of what happened on September 11, 2001, that none of us want to ever happen again. That

is what this Commission was created to investigate, and then advise us how to avoid.

There never should have been on the question of the search for truth about September 11 a time deadline which the Commission itself believed was too short to complete their work. I think we have now opened a path—a door—to give it the time it needs to complete its work, which is going to be critical to us as we continue to protect the security of the American people at home.

Again, I thank everybody for being part of it.

Once again, it reminds me of the truth of what I said a short while ago. It is good to be back in the Senate where sometimes it takes a little longer but good things actually get done. This is one of them.

I thank my colleagues, and I thank my friend from Arizona. He is a great and principled fighter for what is right.

The majority leader is bipartisan.

I thank the Chair.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I want to say on behalf of the minority leader that we certainly thank Senator MCCAIN and Senator LIEBERMAN for their persistence in accomplishing something that is important.

I extend my appreciation to the majority leader for his patience. His job is a difficult job. He has 99 of us to put up with. Even though we are the most reasonable people in the world most of the time, once in a while it happens that we are not, and that makes his life more difficult. Having been involved in working with leaders for a while now, I appreciate his patience. It is an admirable quality.

Having worked with the very patient Senator LIEBERMAN since he came to the Senate, I have such great admiration for him. I am personally disappointed that it didn't work out better for him on the campaign trail. But we are really happy to have him back. He is such a great addition to the Senate.

My friend from Arizona is one peg ahead of me in seniority. I am No. 1778 and he is No. 1777 as far as the number of Senators coming here. Senator MCCAIN is a unique individual. Every day, serving with him is an experience. The vast majority of those experiences are extremely good.

(Laughter.)

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

Mr. FRIST. It is an experience, Mr. President.

TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2004

TECHNICAL CORRECTION TO PUBLIC LAW 108-199

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I and my colleagues would like to engage my friend, the majority leader, in a colloquy regarding a necessary change